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Gary Karlin Michelson	)	
Serial No.: 10/685,776	)	Group Art Unit: 3764
Filed: October 15, 2003	)	Examiner: (Michael Brown)
For: METHOD FOR FORMING THROUGH	)	
A GUARD AN IMPLANTATION SPACE)	)	
IN THE HUMAN SPINE	)	

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Copies of the listed non-U.S. patent documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

English translations of the non-English documents are enclosed.

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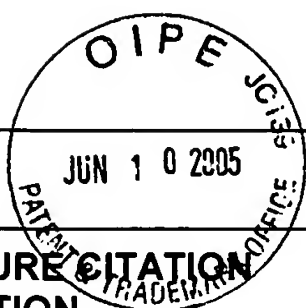
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